IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATHENS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

 $\mathbf{v}.$

WILLIAM ROBERT BARNETT, II,

Defendant.

CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 3:25-cr-00003-TES-CHW-1

ORDER GRANTING CONSENT MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL

Before the Court is Defendant William Robert Barnett's Consent Motion to Continue Trial [Doc. 22]. On February 11, 2025, the Government obtained an indictment charging Defendant with Conspiracy to Sexually Exploit a Child, Distribution of Child Pornography,² Receipt of Child Pornography,³ Possession of Child Pornography,⁴ and Attempted Use of Facilities in Interstate and Foreign Commerce to Transmit Information about a Minor.⁵ [Doc. 1]. Defendant entered a plea of not guilty. [Doc. 16].

Defendant seeks a continuance to review discovery and engage in plea

¹ In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a), (e).

² In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2)(A), (b)(1).

³ In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2)(A), (b)(1).

⁴ In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B), (b)(2).

⁵ In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2425.

negotiations with the Government. [Doc. 22, pp. 1–2]. So as to avoid a miscarriage of justice, the Court **GRANTS** the Defendant's Consent Motion for Continuance [Doc. 22] and **CONTINUES** this case to the June term—beginning on June 23, 2025. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv). The ends of justice served by this continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial and are in accordance with the considerations required under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) for excusable delay.

SO ORDERED, this 31st day of March, 2025.

S/ Tilman E. Self, III

TILMAN E. SELF, III, JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT